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From: JOHN SCOTT [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 April 2023 18:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: On site meeting 3rd March 2023 Re: The i-Transport, Placemaking Report.
Categories: Sent to Steph

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Dear Mike

Thank you for your email re: the Consecrated Land at the front of Englefield Green Cemetery, or Section One of Englefield Green Cemetery or I Transport report, Placemaking proposals, the central area public realm.

I informed your team one year ago, during the public consultation, Alan Sloan last week and all the Borough and County Councillors representing our Village of the status of this land. I provided a plan of the cemetery which confirms again that this is **CONSECRATED LAND SET ASIDE FOR BURIALS IN PERPITUITY**.

You state in your email " Some land would be necessary if the full package of **parking, tree band**, cycle way and footpath were undertaken, and that opening the front access to the memorial to the public realm (as occurs with many similar memorials) would be a good thing. I know this is not your view, but stress this is simply my view, and I think in fairness it would be up to all the residents of Englefield Green to decide what exactly they consider the best option for their village, represented by their Councillors"

This land is Owned and Managed by RBC, However, it remains "**CONSECRATED LAND SET ASIDE FOR BURIALS IN PERPITUITY**". This land as you can see on RBC's own Cemetery Plan, covers all the Cemetery **HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW, identified as Consecrated land**.

I did not create this, I am in favour in principal of the Village Plan. However, I am a Village Resident who respects the status of this land and it's intended purpose, which is protected in Law, both Ecclesiastical and Judicial. I will do anything legally possible to preserve it, and the area of Our Village Memorial and burial plots. I did state in my original objection to this part of the Village Plan:

1. The **CONSECRATED LAND** status of ALL Section One of the Englefield Green Cemetery and its protection in Law.
2. The I Transport report, Placemaking proposals drawing was inaccurate, as Alan's photographs now show, the proposed new wall will cross existing graves.

I did understand the context of the I Transport Report, which I took to be a Desktop Study see point 2 above. You seem to not understand my objection to this part and the reason why or you just chose to ignore it. So I will say it again CONSECRATED LAND is CONSECRATED LAND set aside for burial purposes only in perpetuity is just that.

I mean no disrespect to the Local Plan Committee, I am just stating fact. I am more than happy to meet and discuss this issue but it will not change the facts. I remain in favour of the majority of the Village Plan but not the development of CONSECRATED LAND.

Best regards

JOHN SCOTT MBE, Resident of Englefield Green

On 10/04/2023 16:38 [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear John,

Alan has sent me a copy of your e mail (copy below) and attachments. I am copying this to all to whom you sent it, though I apologise- I don't actually know you all!

Firstly, if I can put the I Transport report in context. With limited funding, we asked them to review the Placemaking proposals in respect of the central area public realm, provide some expert assessment based on more accurate plans of the existing road layout, and provide some initial costings. The report is intended to lend credibility to the concepts contained in the Placemaking report and to provide a cost base to discuss with Surrey CC who would need to be funder and instigator of the changes. It is not intended to be a definitive design, which we recognise will depend on a number of currently undefined restraints (land ownership, underground services etc) that could result in modifications when a full design was carried out.

My personal view is that the I Transport design is taking far more land than originally envisaged, but that some land would be necessary if the full package of parking, tree band, cycle way and footpath were undertaken, and that opening the front access to the memorial to the public realm (as occurs with many similar memorials) would be a good thing. I know this is not your view, but stress this is simply my view, and I think in fairness it would be up to all the residents of Englefield Green to decide what exactly they consider the best option for their village, represented by their Councillors, if (and it is under the present financial circumstances I suspect it is a big if) Surrey CC could be persuaded to develop the scheme further.

Meantime I can assure you that your and the Memorial committees views have been recorded and responded to at Reg 14 consultation stage. These comments are the official response and form part of the ongoing Neighbourhood Plan documentation. They can be found at the Forum web site [Neighbourhood Plan - Englefield Green Village Neighbourhood Plan \(egvplan.org.uk\)](http://egvplan.org.uk) Section 16 'Responses to Regulation 16 Comments, subsection 'Residents and Business Comments and Responses' items 36 and 38.

For ease I quote below the Reg 14 response;

'The purpose of the Central Area Remodelling scheme is explained in the Placemaking document and the I Transport limited study has been carried out to demonstrate, in principle, the feasibility of the scheme, highlight the problem areas, and provide an initial costing. There is a long way to go before a scheme is designed or carried out. The concerns are noted and solutions will need to be found'.

I hope you consider this to be a reasonable response at this time.

Best wishes,

Mike Kelly, Chair, EGVForum Steering Committee

On the 4th April John wrote;

Subject: On site meeting 3rd March 2023 Re: The i-Transport, Placemaking Report.

Hello everyone

Just a note Re: The above

Further to my emails regarding the Consecrated Land known as Section One of Englefield Green Cemetery and the implications for the i -Transport, Placemaking Report. (Page 24 - As Is Drawing and Page 22 – What is proposed). Doc attached.

The Rev Judith Allford arranged a meeting with **Mr Alan Sloan** of the Englefield Green Village Forum (in an informal capacity), and me, (**John Scott**) as Chairman of the Englefield Green Memorial trust, and herself.

The meeting took place on Monday 3rd April 2023, around the Cross of Sacrifice and the Village Memorial, on Section One Englefield Green Cemetery. We talked about various issues which are contained in my notes attached. I view this as a good step forward and thank everyone involved.

By John Scott MBE